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GANG MEMBER SENTENCED TO 17 YEARS FOR ROLE IN CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY FOLLOWING JURY CONVICTION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City area gang member was sentenced in federal court today for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and illegally possessing a firearm.

Clinton B. Allen, 26, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to 17 years and seven months in federal prison without parole.

On Dec. 7, 2004, **Allen** was found guilty by a federal jury trial of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. The federal jury found **Allen** guilty of participating in a conspiracy to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine, as well as diazepam, from Jan. 1, 1999, to Oct. 30, 2003.

During the conspiracy, **Allen** and co-conspirators were loosely organized into the Hilltop and 25th St. gangs. They obtained controlled substances for resale and possessed firearms in order to protect their drug supplies and the proceeds of their drug sales, Graves said.

Allen fled from police on at least three occasions. On March 9, 2001, **Allen** fled police officers at a high rate of speed in the area of 24th Street and Quincy in Kansas City, before crashing into another vehicle and running on foot. **Allen** carried a loaded and concealed .357 Magnum revolver in his vehicle. On Oct. 16, 2002, **Allen** fled police at a high rate of speed near 26th Street and Van Brunt in Kansas City. In the vehicle was more than five grams of crack cocaine packaged for sale. On March 10, 2003, **Allen** was driving a stolen car and fled from police in the area of 49th and Montgall. The jury found **Allen** guilty of possessing five grams or more of crack cocaine in connection with these events. The jury also found **Allen** guilty of possessing a firearm during the drug-trafficking crime, Graves said.

Allen was arrested on Aug. 20, 2003, in an apartment from which crack cocaine was

being sold, and from which over 19 grams of crack cocaine, packaged for sale, was recovered by police.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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